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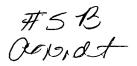
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In response to the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2002, (Paper No. 4), please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 20. (Amended). A method for detecting amplification of a target sequence comprising, in an amplification reaction:
- a) hybridizing a signal primer comprising an adapter sequence to the target sequence;